

ABORIGINAL GROUPS WILL CONFRONT WORLD LEADERS AT THE G20 ABOUT THE ONGOING ISSUE OF INDIGENOUS DEATHS IN CUSTODY.

ACTIVIST SAM WATSON HAS TOLD AAP THE G20 LEADERS' SUMMIT IN BRISBANE IN NOVEMBER IS THE PERFECT TIME TO HIGHLIGHT THE CONTINUING PERSECUTION OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE AS IT COINCIDES WITH THE 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF MULRUNJI DOOMADGEE ON THE FLOOR OF THE PALM ISLAND WATCHHOUSE.

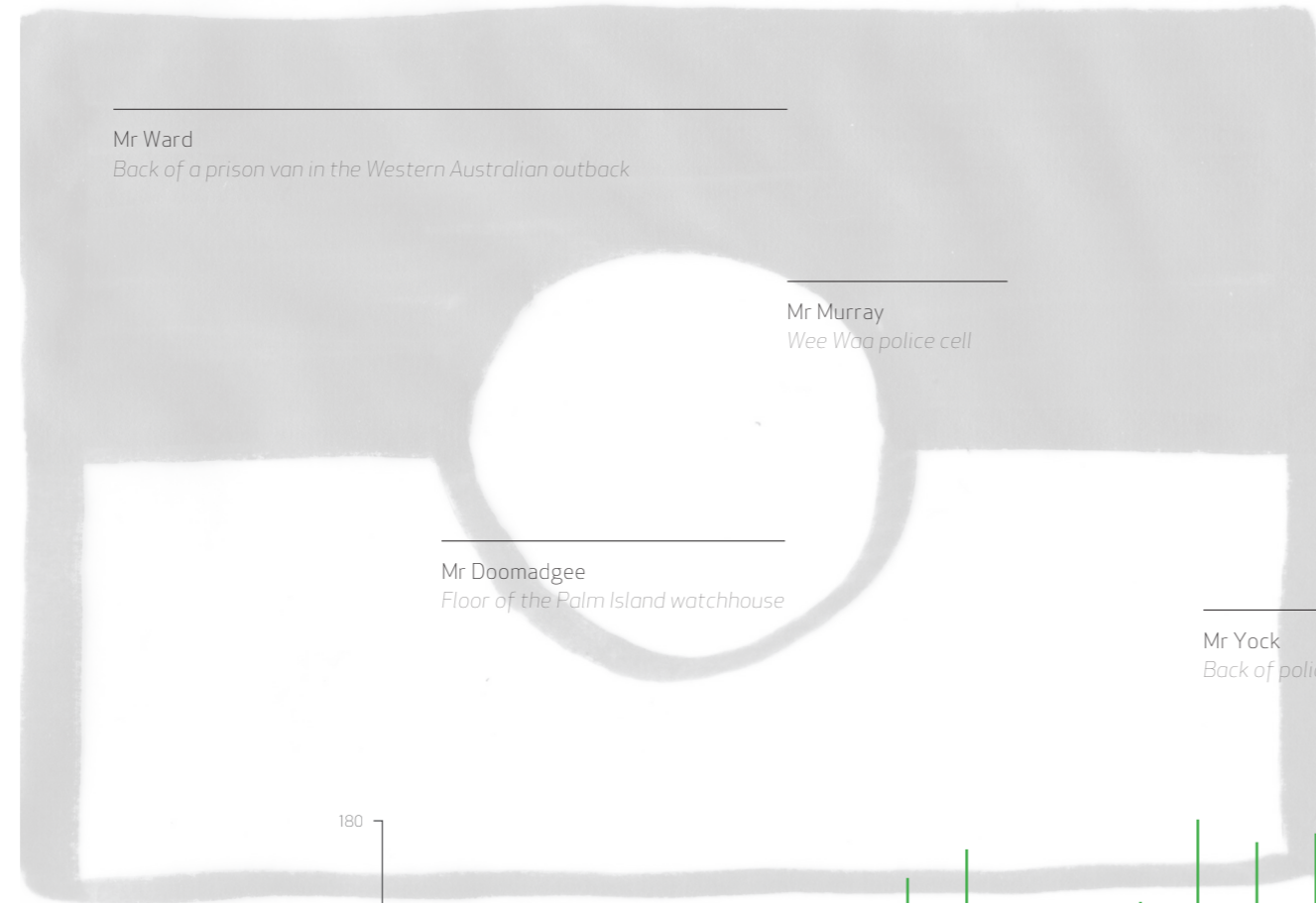
"TO THIS DAY, IN 2014, THERE IS NOT A SINGLE POLICE OFFICE WHO HAS BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF ANY CRIMINAL OFFENCE FOR ABORIGINAL DEATHS IN CUSTODY," HE SAID.

NOVEMBER IS ALSO THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF 18-YEAR-OLD ABORIGINAL DANCER DANIEL YOCK SOON AFTER HE WAS ARRESTED BY POLICE AT SOUTH BRISBANE IN 1993.

POLICE WERE ALSO CLEARED OF ANY WRONGDOING IN THAT MATTER. BOTH CASES SPARKED OUTCRY AMONG THE ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY, WITH CLAIMS THEY WERE BEING UNFAIRLY TARGETED AND TREATED BECAUSE OF THEIR RACE.

MR WATSON SAYS IT WAS TIME THOSE IN POWER ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. INDIGENOUS DEATHS IN CUSTODY WAS A NATIONAL ISSUE, AND THAT PEOPLE WERE PLANNING TO TRAVEL FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TO JOIN THE PROTEST ON THE SIDELINES OF THE G20.

EXCERPT FROM 'DEATHS-IN-CUSTODY PROTESTS AT G20'
BY CHRISTINE FLATLEY, THE AUSTRALIAN

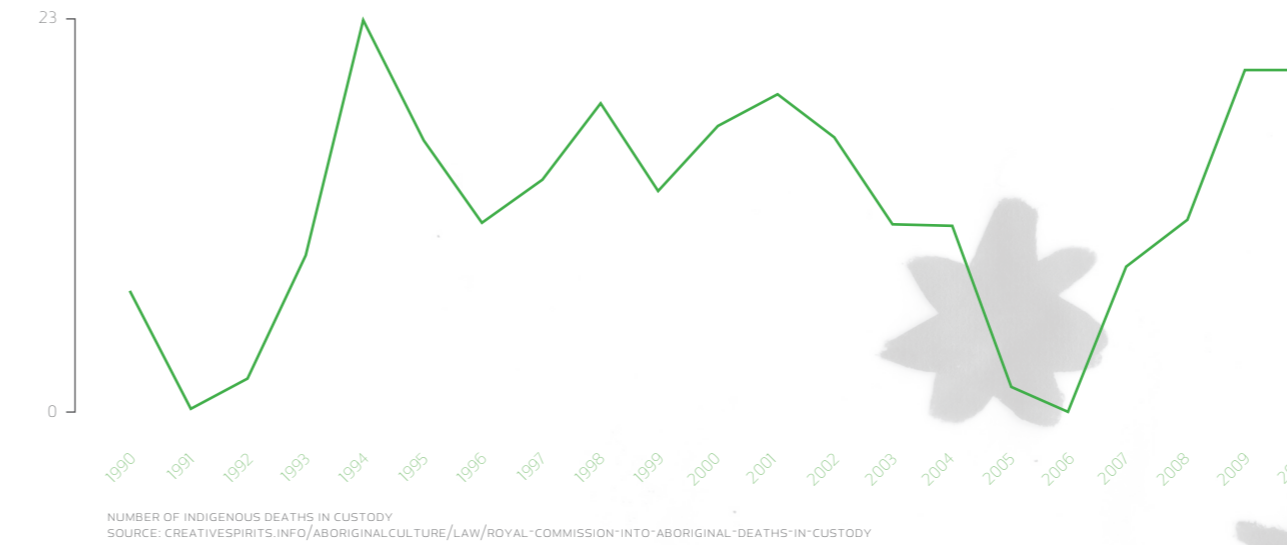
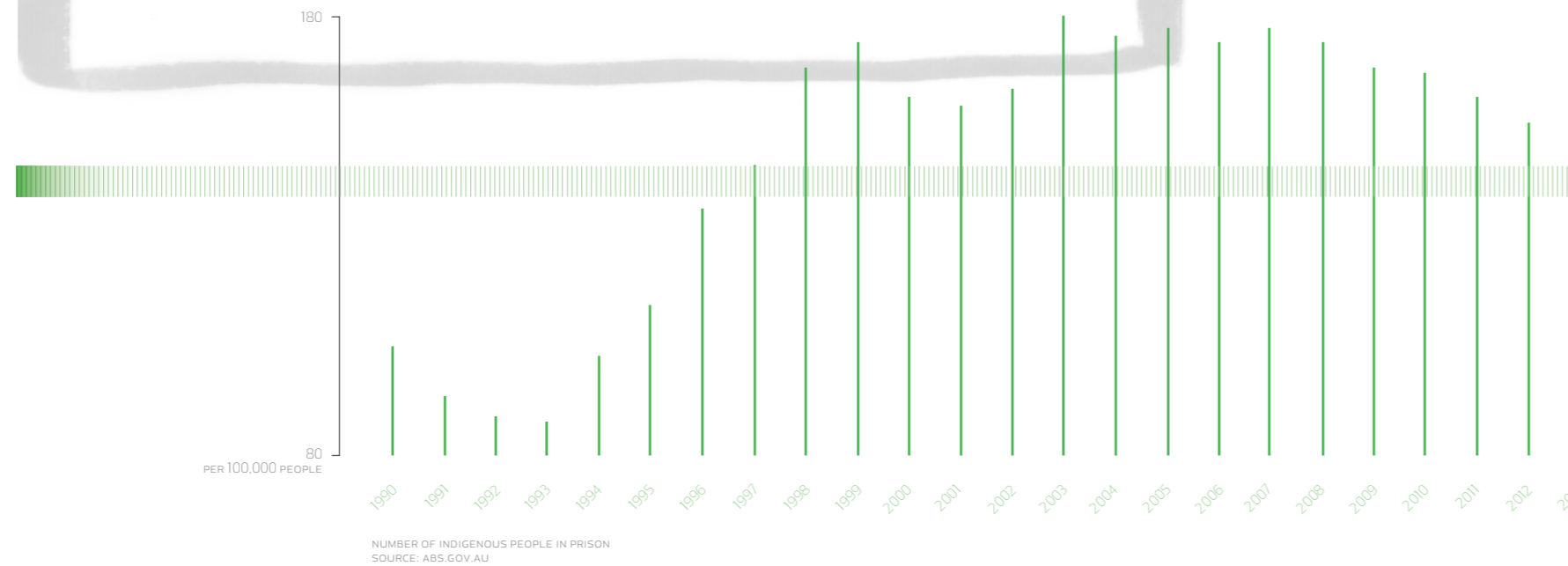


Mr Ward
Back of a prison van in the Western Australian outback

Mr Murray
Wee Waa police cell

Mr Doomadgee
Floor of the Palm Island watchhouse

Mr Yock
Back of police van in Brisbane



Mr Hickey
Redfern footpath

Mr Pat
Roebourne police station

"A MOST UNSATISFACTORY STATE OF AFFAIRS."

**Dialogue
in our
times**

THE VOICE OF THE FIRST NATION PEOPLE

WON'T BE HEARD AT THE TOP

IT STARTS WITH YOU AND ME

WHITE AUSTRALIA POLICY

SUPPRESSION OF STORIES AND NATIVE DIALOGUE

OMISSIONS FROM AUSTRALIAN HISTORY IN REGARDS TO INDIGENOUS HISTORIES

HISTORY OF COLONISATION TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS THROUGH THE EYES OF THE BRITISH

DESTRUCTION OF SACRED PLACES WHERE DIALOGUE HAPPENS

ROTTNEST ISLAND CONCENTRATION CAMP MARKED AS LUXURIOUS SPA

SUPPRESSION OF BLACK DEATHS IN CUSTODY

FALSIFIED MEDIA ALLEGATIONS FEED MYTHS

MEDIA AND GOVERNMENT PROPAGANDA SEES ABORIGINAL PEOPLE BLAMED FOR THEIR SITUATION

AUSTRALIA: UNITED NATIONS SHAME AFTER FAILING TO ERADICATE TRACHOMA AND OTITIS MEDIA

'CULTURAL SENSITIVITY TRAINING' REPLACES DIALOGUE AND COMMON UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN TWO CULTURES

RECOGNITION THAT THESE PROBLEMS CANNOT BE SOLVED BY AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, INTERNATIONAL INTERVENTION IS NEEDED

CONSCIOUS LISTENING CREATES UNDERSTANDING

HOW CAN WE DESIGN DIALOGUE THAT WILL WORK?

WHAT WILL DIALOGUE LOOK LIKE IN THE FUTURE?

The 12th to the 16th of November will see Brisbane playing host to the G20 Summit.

Leaders from the world's richest economies will be meeting on

Jaggera country.

Australia is among the 20, taking its place as one of the most economically rich countries in the world while the living conditions and quality of life for its First Nations people rank among the

lowest

in the world.

SENSE OF PLACE
SOMETHING YOU FEEL
ROOTS TO HOME
FIND MOB
FAMILY
CULTURE
LANGUAGE
KNOWLEDGE
HOME IS EARTH
SPIRIT
POWERFUL
WALK IN FOOTPRINT OF FAMILY
PROPERTY RIGHTS
SOVEREIGNTY

These are desperate and critical times for us as First Nations people.

Our life expectancy is only 45 years.

deaths

in custody have almost doubled since the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody,

the stolen generations continue with almost 14000 of our children in out of home care,

youth suicide rates

are at an all time high.

and the land that was won back during the land rights movement is being taken again by government.

The 40th Anniversary of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy represented a coming together of several generations of Aboriginal activists with non-Aboriginal solidarity.

The anniversary connected people

in a way not seen since the 1982 Commonwealth Games protest.

It is time for us to come together as a network of strong Aboriginal nations sharing ideas, perspectives and solutions to the myriad of

struggles we face under

colonisation.

BREAK THE SILENCE
CIRCUMVENT THE MEDIA
PUBLIC DEBATE
GIVE BACK NATIONHOOD
JUSTICE THEN RECONCILIATION
HISTORICAL TREATIES
RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION
SHOW SUPPORT
BYPASS GATEKEEPERS
COLLECTIVE POWER
NO RIGHT TO FEEL HELPLESS
SEEK NEW CHANNELS FOR COMMUNICATION
TRUTH ABOUT PAST
FRONTIER WAR MEMORIAL

THERE HAS BEEN A FAILURE IN DIALOGUE SINCE THE FIRST FLEET LANDED ON THE SHORES OF NATIVE AUSTRALIAN LAND.

THE THREAT TO COLONIAL IDENTITY HAS OPPRESSED THE ABORIGINAL VOICE AND DIALOGUE HAS ONLY EVER BEEN A MONOLOGUE.

THE POPE TELLS LEADERS OF ISRAEL AND PALESTINE TO RESPOND TO THEIR PEOPLE'S YEARNING FOR 'UNDAUNTED DIALOGUE'.

ISN'T IT TIME WE CALLED FOR THAT TOO?

THE BRISBANE ABORIGINAL SOVEREIGN EMBASSY WILL BE BOYCOTTING THE G20 SUMMIT, WHICH WILL BE TAKING PLACE ON STOLEN ABORIGINAL LAND. WE WANT DECOLONISATION TO BE RECOGNISED AS A PRIORITY AND ADDED TO THE AGENDA AS A POLITICAL REALITY.

DECOLONISATION IS A PROCESS FOR ALL AUSTRALIANS AND PROVIDES A CHANCE FOR ALL WHO LIVE ON THIS LAND TO BUILD A NEW SOCIETY BASED ON ABORIGINAL CULTURE AND VALUES; A SOCIETY RULED BY SOCIAL NEED AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY, NOT ONE OF GREED AND DISCRIMINATION. A UNIQUE SOCIETY WITH A DEFINITIVE SYSTEM OF LAWS AND CUSTOMS TO GOVERN IT, BASED ON THE WORLD'S OLDEST LIVING CULTURE.

MUSGRAVE PARK HAS BEEN DECLARED A ZONE FOR PEACEFUL PROTEST DURING THE G20 SUMMIT. PRIOR TO INVASION, MUSGRAVE WAS HOME TO THE KALPERUM-JAGGIN PEOPLE AND IS A PART OF KURILPA 'PLACE OF THE WATER RATS'. THE PARK HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT MEETING PLACE FOR FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE SINCE TIME BEGAN AS IT STILL IS TODAY. WE ASK ALL ATTENDEES TO RESPECT JAGGERA LAW IN THIS HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT MEETING PLACE AND THE BRISBANE ABORIGINAL SOVEREIGN EMBASSY SACRED FIRE.

WE WELCOME COOPERATION FROM THE GENERAL COMMUNITY, ACTIVIST GROUPS, UNIONS AND ELSEWHERE. WE ASPIRE TO DEVELOP A UNITED COMMUNITY FRONT WHICH FULLY RECOGNISES THE NEED TO DECOLONISE.

EXCERPTS FROM 'RESPONSE TO G20'
BY BRISBANE ABORIGINAL 'SOVEREIGN EMBASSY'

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